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Dear Reader:

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) Izembek National Wildlife Refuge is considering placing vertical axis wind turbines (VAWT) on refuge lands. VAWT are also known as Helical Savonius Vertical Axis turbines. The installation of these wind turbines will help reduce the refuge's greenhouse gas emissions and save the federal government by decreasing utility costs.

Izembek National Wildlife Refuge is designated to receive six turbines at two locations: Headquarters and Duplex building (Figure 1). These turbines are approximately 60 feet above ground and will take up eight feet by eight feet of surface area on the ground (Figure 2).

The Service will evaluate the proposed wind turbine project through the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) compliance process. The NEPA process is designed to involve the public and gather and analyze the best available information before the Service makes a decision. We are currently in the process of preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) on the wind turbine project.

We are requesting input from federal and state agencies, local governments, private organizations, refuge users, and the public to help identify the issues associated with the proposed project. Your comments will be most useful if they are received by November 25, 2009. However, your comments will be accepted and reviewed up until the time the decisions on the projects are made. Please send your comments to:

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*The Izembek National Wildlife Refuge will hold an open house at the Cold Bay community center on 18 November 2009 at 7:00 to share information about the proposed project and to receive comments and concerns from the public. These are not the only opportunities you will have to comment on this project. When the EA has been prepared and distributed, you will have an opportunity to make further comments. If you would like to be kept informed about this project, please complete and return the attached "Interest Response Form" and you will be placed on the mailing list.*

Thank you for your interest in this refuge.

Sincerely yours,

Nancy Hoffman  
Refuge Manager